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MORE THAN 100 PERSONS FEAST ON SPLENDID FOOD FOR MIND AND BODY AND REVIVE CLUB

NOAH M. HOLLOWELL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF GREATER HENDERSONVILLE CLUB AT ONE OF LARGEST AND MOST ENTHUSIASTIC MEETINGS IN HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION; PREPARING FOR PRACTICAL RE-ORGANIZATION; EXCELLENT ADDRESSES ENJOYED AT HOTEL BANQUET.

One of the largest and most representative business and social gatherings in the history of Hendersonville feasted at a banquet given by the Greater Hendersonville club at the Kentucky Home Tuesday night, when a well-arranged program of timely speeches was heard, a president for the organization elected and steps taken toward a thorough reorganization of the city's commercial organization.

The event was a notable one in many respects. It was one of the greatest get-together meetings ever held in Hendersonville. Approximately 100 of the leading men and women of the city feasted on a \$1.50 dinner for only fifty cents made possible through the kindness and generosity of Mrs. A. M. Gover, proprietress of the hotel, and enjoyed excellent addresses on timely subjects of great importance to Hendersonville and community.

The program and arrangements committee, which consisted of F. S. Wetmur, W. S. Miller and Noah M. Hollowell, had planned the details and arrangements, all of which were carried out in accordance with the program.

In addition to the large number of club members and well-wishers of Hendersonville, there were some recent visitors in the city in attendance.

Uncertain as to Presidency.

Noah M. Hollowell, who was elected president to succeed Capt. J. W. Bailey, who was elected in September but who later came to the conclusion that he could not serve owing to the time required in connection with his business and official duties; stated that he did not feel equal to the situation and could not at that time see his way clear to serve the club. He has the matter under advisement and will at an early date announce whether or not he will accept the office.

Extracts From Speeches.

Owing to the fact that the Democrat is published on the day following the banquet, it will be impossible to go into the details of the excellent addresses made, therefore no attempt will be made to cover in full the speeches.

The meeting was opened with a brief prayer by Rev. R. N. Willcox.

Mr. Willcox Speaks.

E. W. Ewbank happily filled the position of toastmaster and after a few timely remarks he introduced Rev. R. N. Willcox, who recently resigned the presidency of the club after a term of three years, during which time the club did a work that gave it a permanent place in the commercial life of this city. Mr. Willcox declared that the club was without a head and therefore was in a bad condition; that organization was necessary; that the club needed the co-operation of the people, who should exercise more every-day Christianity and work in harmony and look a little further ahead than for selfish interests and their immediate family. He declared that it was the duty of the people to give the club both time and money. He advised organizing and operating on a plan that would mean co-operation among the members to the exclusion of those who would not support the club so that business interests not interested enough in the city to help it grow would be ignored by those who were trying to make it grow. He pleaded for thorough organization.

Merchants to Co-Operate.

F. Z. Morris, who was to speak on secretaryship, was absent. Mr. Morris was a member of the committee from the Merchants association to inform the Greater Hendersonville club that the Merchants association had signified its willingness to co-operate in the employment of a joint secretary by giving \$25 per month on his salary.

Mr. Staton Speaks.

R. H. Staton in speaking of industries said that the city needed them and that it would never occupy its rightful position until it had them in order that employment might be furnished the younger generation of Hendersonville. He stated that the tourist business was good but that the city should have industries also. He advised the purchasing of lots at reasonable prices and the offering of them with the exemption of taxes and water rent for a number of years to industries that would furnish employment to Hendersonville people. He said that farming was a good industry and that by reason of the farm demonstration work the crop values had recently doubled in Henderson county and that her cribs are bulging with prosperity. He said that the mothers and parents of Hendersonville should be especially interested in the question of industries in order to find employment at home for their children.

Mr. Wetmur Speaks.

F. S. Wetmur in speaking of the

value of farm demonstration work declared that if the community loses interest in farming it just as well throw up its hands and quit for the demonstrator was just as essential to the farming interests as the pastor was to the church interests. As a result of demonstration work in Henderson county for the past two years, Mr. Wetmur declared that the acreage in clover and grass had been increased from 500 to twelve to fourteen thousand acres, which represented a big increase in county wealth. He declared that the county needs a farm demonstrator. Mr. Wetmur introduced E. L. Perkins, who recently went to Burke county when the commissioners of Henderson county refused to appropriate money for his services. In introducing Mr. Perkins, Mr. Wetmur declared that no man should be elected commissioner who would not favor farm demonstration work and a unanimous applause went up from the audience.

Mr. Perkins on Demonstration.

Mr. Perkins declared that he was glad to return to Hendersonville on a visit. He explained the origin of the farm demonstration work and pointed out its many advantages. He declared that more brain work was needed on the farms so as to stimulate interest in expert agricultural advice. He said the county needs a demonstrator.

Judge Ewart Speaks.

Judge H. G. Ewart talked on the question of colonization. He said that investigation had shown him that it had cost Wilmington people \$2,000 per family of five to settle in Belgium but that he felt sure Hendersonville could get some desirable immigrants for farm purposes with but little cost. He said that Henderson county needed new blood and this was the best and quickest way to get it. He deplored the fact that Hendersonville had never been able to attract any wealthy citizens. He said that it was necessary to go after them. He saw no reason why the city couldn't get more conventions if it would go after them and he thought that it would be advisable to make an effort to induce the government's military training camp to locate near Hendersonville.

Dr. Kirk Speaks.

Dr. W. R. Kirk in speaking of the importance of advertising Hendersonville's climatic advantages declared the city should not make a closed monopoly of its excellent climate but should advertise it to the world, induce health-seekers to come to the city and provide suitable accommodations for them while here. He said that they could be cared for without menacing the health of the community that they should be segregated so as to place them somewhat under supervision. Dr. Kirk said that the recent diphtheria epidemic in Hendersonville had shown the necessity of a whole-time health officer for this community.

Mr. Hollowell Speaks.

In speaking of the advisability of changing the name of the Greater Hendersonville club, Noah M. Hollowell pointed out that the name was a misnomer, was inappropriate and misleading since it did not convey the meaning desired for the reason that there was no Greater and Lesser Hendersonville, but only one Hendersonville; that the name didn't signify whether or not it was a social or commercial club and that since inventions, new creations, and the ever changing condition of things had made new names and the changing of names necessary, the name of the organization should be changed. He suggested, for sentimental reasons, the preservation of a portion of the old name and the re-naming of the organization by calling it the Hendersonville Club of Commerce, a name that carries with it a meaning of the purposes of the organization, which is not the case with the name of the Greater Hendersonville club.

Mr. Kershaw on Roads.

By request of Rev. John Kershaw, Jr., Mr. Willcox read the former's paper on the importance of concentrating attention on good roads. The paper pointed out that many noted places had been known through specification on some one thing, golf, polo, races, springs, manufacturing enterprises, etc., and that since Hendersonville had nothing exclusively it should specialize on its good roads and advertise to the world as a good roads center, where recreation and most delightful enjoyment might be found for the automobile tourists. Mr. Kershaw declared that Hendersonville for the past year had received more favorable advertising from its good roads than from any one other thing.

Mr. Smith Speaks.

W. A. Smith declared that he had been working for Hendersonville for thirty-five years, that his faith was yet strong in the future of the place,

but that harmony and co-operation was necessary. He declared that Hendersonville had been devoured by selfishness on the part of those who could see nothing worth while except their own selfish interests and that for this reason they would not unite in helping the community. He highly complimented Mr. Willcox for what he had done for the club during his three-year term as president and declared that Mr. Willcox had done more for the city during this period than any other man. He advised his audience to get together, organize, harmonize, co-operate and unite in making a greater Hendersonville.

R. M. Oates told of the needs of getting together in an effort to reorganize the club and place it on a good working basis.

W. F. Penny said that he was favorably impressed with Hendersonville's many excellent advantages. That he had adopted it as his home, that he was ready and willing to put his shoulder to the wheel and pull for the community's interests. Mr. Penny moved to the city from Wilmington a few months ago. He told of what had been accomplished in that section through co-operation.

The paper of Dr. John E. Ennis of St. Petersburg, Fla., a Hendersonville property owner, on the city's needs will be published in full next week. This paper was written to be read before the club. Extracts from it would not do justice, so it will be published next week in full.

Those in Attendance.

As will be seen by the following list of those who paid for plates, the gathering represented, as a rule, the city's most prominent and public spirited people:

- A. L. Gurley,
- Vance Norwood,
- T. E. Shipman,
- Mrs. Gilreath,
- Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hoyle,
- Miss Lucia Bellis,
- Mr. and Mrs. Henry King,
- Dr. and Mrs. Garrett,
- Miss Alma Lee Edwards,
- L. F. Williams,
- W. F. Penny,
- Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Waldrop,
- W. S. Miller,
- Mrs. W. S. Miller,
- A. H. Smith,
- H. A. Stepp,
- K. G. Morris,
- J. E. Shipman,
- Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Willcox,
- P. J. Gilreath,
- Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown,
- C. A. Stacy,
- A. H. Hawkins,
- Mrs. A. H. Hawkins,
- Miss Leona Allen,
- Mr. Burckmyer,
- C. E. Brooks,
- C. A. Hoobs,
- S. Maxwell,
- Dr. Guy E. Dixon,
- Mrs. Guy E. Dixon,
- Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lott,
- R. C. Clarke,
- R. H. Staton,
- W. F. Brown,
- Miss Jennie Bowen,
- F. H. Kincaid,
- Jno. T. Wilkins,
- Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Garrett,
- Mrs. J. E. Shipman,
- M. M. Shepherd,
- Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rozzelle,
- Noah M. Hollowell,
- Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Wetmur,
- Rev. John Kershaw,
- Frank E. Pearse,
- R. H. Scadin,
- Dr. F. V. Hunter,
- J. A. McIntosh,
- Mrs. J. W. Williams,
- Mrs. Ethel Patterson,
- Miss Della Davis,
- F. E. Durfee,
- Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith,
- Miss Florence Jordan,
- H. M. Whitfield,
- F. A. Ewbank,
- D. S. Pace,
- E. G. Stillwell,
- Dr. A. C. Tebeau,
- Mrs. A. C. Tebeau,
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCrary,
- Dr. J. F. Cranford,
- A. C. Glazener,
- J. Mack Rhodes,
- W. F. Penny,
- B. Jackson,
- H. C. Curtis,
- Dr. Wm. R. Kirk,
- F. Z. Morris,
- L. J. Miller,
- S. M. King,
- C. W. Harty,
- Dr. L. B. Morse,
- Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stradley,
- Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Durham,
- Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Calvert,
- Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bangs,
- Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey,
- Rev. T. E. Simpson,
- J. F. Byers,
- T. Cameron,
- Gordon Garington,
- Miss Lillie Brooks,

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How Your Wants Are Filled

Do you know that the merchants in this town can fill every want of yours?

Convince yourself.

Read the home papers.

You can get anything you need in this town and at a reasonable price.

Visit The Rest Room
Hendersonville Merchants Association

ARCHITECT MAKES CITY HALL PLANS

CITY COMMISSIONERS MEET TONIGHT TO INSPECT PLANS OF ARCHITECT STILLWELL CALLING FOR ALTERATIONS IN CITY HALL SO AS TO CONVERT IT INTO MORE USEFUL PROPERTY.

"A good hope is better than a bad possession." That's the declaration of some high-brow while in a deep psychological mood.

Hendersonville is in the position of having both—the good hope (a most excellent one), and a bad possession (a badly dilapidated one).

That is, it has a practically useless, dilapidated eye-sore in the shape of what was once a new town hall. But the latest development is a good hope in the form of a real serious movement to remodel the municipal building.

The City Hall Problem.

Individuals and public officials have for years considered the advisability of making some disposition of the city hall, but at last the city has a board with the courage to seriously tackle the situation, which means that it is highly probable that Hendersonville will have at an early date an attractive and highly useful public building.

The city commissioners have outlined to Architect Erl G. Stillwell their needs with respect to a municipal building and he has put them on paper in real architectural style. Mr. Stillwell was before the board of commissioners Thursday night. He informed them that he had completed the plans which they could inspect at any time. It was decided to go over the plans Thursday night of this week.

While this action does not guarantee alteration of the city hall, it is taken to mean that the officials are serious about the matter and it is confidently believed that important conclusions will be reached Thursday night concerning the future of the city's building.

Description of Plans.

Not wishing to be premature in the publication of the tentative plans the Democrat inquired if publicity would affect the purposes of the commissioners, to which they replied that publicity at this time would be highly desirable since they were ready to take the public into confidence. They will be glad to receive any suggestion of a helpful nature. The Democrat has given considerable publicity from time to time to the city hall question, soon the strength of the statement of the officials it persuaded Architect Stillwell to depart from his customary course and give consent to the publication of some of the details of the tentative plans.

Plans Provide for City's Necessities.

The plans as drawn by Mr. Stillwell provide for the much needed facilities of Hendersonville, most important among them being an auditorium or public hall, a larger court and council chamber, a city prison, additional city offices for the different departments of the government a fire department station, and public toilets.

The plans call for the alteration of the front part of the building so as to destroy the belfry and make much more attractive the exterior of the building. Upon entering through the revolving door with two swing doors on either side to be used during large public gatherings, one is in the main hall with steps on either side leading to the upper floor and a set of steps leading to the right and downward to the public toilet rooms. To the left on the main floor would be the box office to be used in connection with the

auditorium, this to occupy a portion of the space of the temporary room facing the street. The council chamber and court room to the left would be enlarged so as to include the present bed room of the city fireman, making it 19x28 feet and sufficiently large to accommodate court attendants and those in attendance upon the meetings of the city commissioners. To the rear of this on the same side of the hall would be steps leading to the lower floor or prison cell. Beyond the steps would be a bed room for the fireman's family and a fireman's dormitory to be used as sleeping quarters for three firemen. In connection with these quarters facilities would be provided for the rapid exit of the firemen by descending the pole usually in use in fire departments. Adjoining the dormitory would be toilet and bath rooms for the use of the firemen and the fireman's family. To the right of these rooms would be the dressing rooms for men and women engaged in exercises in the auditorium. In addition to the steps leading upward and downward to the right near the door entrance, the first room to the right would remain practically as it is, the same being used by the city tax collector. The next room would be the office of the sanitary department, followed by one for the police department and then by the kitchen, which would be followed by the dressing rooms.

Second Floor Plans.

In order to modernize the auditorium on the second floor of the building, the plans call for an inclined floor to take place of the level one, which was always found objectionable. The main auditorium is 48x48 feet with a stage 48 by 22 feet. The plans call for a balcony, and steps leading to it from the main floor of the building and covered ones also from the ground on the north side so as to obviate the necessity of white and colored people mixing in entering and leaving the auditorium.

Basement Plans.

At present the fire department is in the rear of the building and the main or first floor of the structure extends only to the fire department. The tentative plans call for the laying of a floor to the back wall so as to provide the facilities described above. The basement would contain the city prison with five cells, entrance to which could be made from the steps leading from the main floor of the building or from a door leading from the north side. This would render it unnecessary for a prisoner to enter the main part of the building until called for trial. On the south side of the basement would be the heating plant, the plans calling for a steam heating system; the coal bin and a large room for the materials used in connection with the sanitary department of the city. The plans call for the fire department station, where it is at present, but re-arranged so as to move the doors from the north side to the rear or east end of the building.

Figures are not obtainable as the estimated cost of the proposed alterations, but contractors are figuring as to the cost.

The plans call for changes which would make out of the eye-sore and practically useless building a reasonably attractive one, adequately commodious and equal to the city's needs for many years to come.

W. J. DAVIS RESIGNS PRESIDENT OF

R. C. Clarke Elected Pres. Bank & Trust Co.; M. Elected to Chairmans.

W. J. Davis has resigned the presidency of the First Bank & Trust company R. C. Clarke has been elected as Mr. Davis' successor.

The friends of Mr. Davis will regret to learn that he found it necessary to resign on account of declining health. Mr. Davis has for a number of years been regarded as a substantial bank fixture. He was elected president of the Commercial bank, of which the First Bank is the successor, about ten years ago and has served faithfully from year to year in this capacity. He has always been regarded as one of the bank's strongest assets and it was with that the directors accepted his resignation. They elected Mr. Davis as chairman of the board of directors and he is to receive the same salary as was given him while he served as president of this institution.

The letter of resignation and the resolution from the bank directors are of interest and are given herewith.

Mr. Clarke, of the Clarke Hardware company is well and favorably known in this section and the fact that he is familiar with the banking business, having served on the finance committee for a number of years, will make his election to the office of president a matter of interest to his friends who have great confidence in his ability and integrity as a business man.

The letters from Mr. Davis and the bank resolutions follow:

"To the Honorable Board of Directors of the First Bank & Trust Co., of Hendersonville, N. C.

Gentlemen:

"On account of my poor health I find it necessary to retire from active business life, and herewith tender my resignation as President of the First Bank and Trust Co. I have, for some time, had this matter under consideration, but have not offered my resignation until this time, hoping that my health would show improvement. I find however, that I must have a complete rest, and in order to do so it is necessary that I free myself from any duty that would require my daily attention. I fully appreciate the honor that has been conferred on me by reason of the fact that I have been your President, and wish to assure you that the bank will still have my co-operation and support, and as a stockholder and director shall at all time have the interest of the bank at heart.

"Yours most respectfully,

W. J. DAVIS."

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the board of directors:

"Whereas our most worthy President, W. J. Davis has become so afflicted with physical infirmities, as to make him believe, that it is his duty to protect his health by giving up for the time being at least, all matters of business requiring his attention or requiring him to put forth any exertion and for that reason has tendered his resignation as President of the First Bank & Trust Company; and whereas the faithful, efficient, influential work and noble character of Mr. Davis has been recognized by all people with whom he has an acquaintance; and whereas his eminent qualities and personal influence has enabled him to be of incalculable value to the bank to an amount far in excess of any compensation which has been paid him; and whereas it is believed that his present health will justify him and it is devoutly hoped that his future health will enable him to perform the services incident to the office of Chairman of the Board of Directors, now, therefore it is resolved:

First, That deploring the conditions that have made it necessary for his action, and with much hope for his recovery we do hereby accept his resignation as President and elect him to the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors, at the same salary he received while President.

"Second, That the secretary of the bank record this resolution in the minutes of the bank to be a perpetual memorial of the great respect which the bank and as well we think, the people generally, entertain for our loved, retiring President."

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING.

The county board of health met Monday. Principal among the subjects claiming attention was that of quarantine. It was decided to publish in pamphlet form the laws governing quarantine in Henderson county.

SOME EXCLUSIVE PICTURES SHOWN AT THE STRAND.

The Strand has secured exclusive control of the Paramount pictures, Metro Features Deluxe, and Fox Films Frequent. The following Stars will appear at the Strand only: Mary Pickford, Marguerite Clarke, Blanche Sweet, Theda Bara, Wm. Farnum, Robert Mantell, Mary Miles Minter, Mme. Petrova Francis X. Bushman and hosts of others. The Strand will show all feature program picture every day; Monday, Metro day; Tuesday, Paramount day; Wednesday, Pathe day; Thursday Paramount day; Friday Fox day; Saturday Pathe day.